(ख) क्या भारत ने दोनों देशों के बीच शान्ति के लिए के लिए कोई पहल की है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर एल. भाटिया) : (क) भारत चचनिया को रूसी परिसंघ का एक अभिन्न अंग मानता है।

(ख) जी, नहीं। चेचनिया में हो रही घटनाएं रूसी परिसंघ का आन्तरिक मामला है।

Facilities to pilgrims visiting Kailash Mansarovar

439. SHRI SUREEH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited applications for pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar to be organised in June-July, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to give the same concessions and facilities to the devotees visiting Kailash-Mansarovar which are given to the citizene going for *Haj*; and

(d) if not, what facilities Government propose to provide to the devotees going to Kailash Mansarovar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) yes, Sir. Government have invited applications from Indian citizens who wish to undertake the Kailash Mansaroar Yatra by inserting an advertisement in leading dailies;

(c) and (d) Facilities provided by Government for the pilgrimage to Kailash—Mansarovar and Haj are not the same because of the differences in the nature of journeys involved. Facilities provided to the Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims by Government include, *inter alia*, medical assistance wireless cover, communication links with China, issuance of foreign exchange and aerial evacuation of pilgrims in case of emergencies. Costs towards the publication of the advertisement, establishment of communication links and aerial evacuat on of pilgrims are borne by Government. Government also provides partial financial assitance to Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam, which is responsible for the logistics on the Indian side.

..Visit of foreign delegations to India

440. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign delegations which visited to India during the last two years, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) the number of agreements signed with each country in different fields; and

(c) the results achieved by these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Visit of Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal

441. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the discussions held with the Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, during the last month particularly on the latter's proposal to review and make relevant to the existing needs the 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the two countries.

(b) what other points were raised by him regarding the India-aided projects in Nepal like the Tanakpur Hydroelectric Project on which differences existed between Delhi and the new dispensation in Kathmandu; transportation of goods to Nepal through the congested Calcutta

port and the opening up of the Phulwari-Banglabundh land route and other matters in the contekt of the special relationship between the two countries;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) During the visit to India of the Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, February 6—10, 1995, the Government of Nepal expressed an interest in discussing the 1950 Treatl of peace and Friendship between India and Nepal with the Government of India. The Deputy Prime Minister also expressed an interest in expanding Indo-Nepal economic cooperation, joint development of the Mahakali river, facilitation of transit of goods through the Calcutta port and the land transit route Phulwari-Banglabundh. The Government of India had responded that they are wiling to discuss all aspects of India-Nepal relations, including the institutional arrangements linking our two countries, with the Government of Nepal. It was agreed to hold meetings of the committees under the Secretaries for water Resources, Commerce Secretaries, Home Secretaries and the High Level Task Force and to hold discussions between the Foreign Offices of the two countries.

China's stand on Arunachal Pradesh

442. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the "State of Arunachal Pradesh" is on integral part of the Union of India; what is China's reaction thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact China does not recognize the affiliation of Arunachal Pradesh with India; and

(c) if so, whether Government have expressed their strong opposition since 1961-62 war in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The Chinese Government have claimed approximately 90,000 square kilometers of India territory in Arunachal Pradesh in the Eastern Sector of India-China border.

(c) Arunachal Pradesh is a State of the Indian Union and an integral part of India. This position has been conveyed unambiguously to the Chinese Government on several occasions.

National Food processing policy

443. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final draft on the National Food processing policy has been prepared;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof.

(c) whether discussions were held with the State Government before finalising the draft policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d) The Food Processing Industry is being developed within the broad parameters of the Industrial Policy of the Government. A framework for developing tth new Policy measures to address various issues for accelerated development of Food Processing Industries has been prepared which was discussed with the State Government representatives at a recent meeting. Action has been initiated for pursuing it further.

Relief package to exporters of processed foods

444. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide any relief package to the exporters of processed food;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of proposals received and cleared by Government in 1993-94 for the setting up of hundred percent export oriented units, State-wise; and